

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** infection prevention and control professionals are devoted to patient and healthcare worker safety and are committed to reducing the risk and occurrence of healthcare-associated infections; and

**WHEREAS,** every year, millions of Americans visit their physicians and are admitted to hospitals, with many undergoing medical procedures that have a risk of infectious complications; and

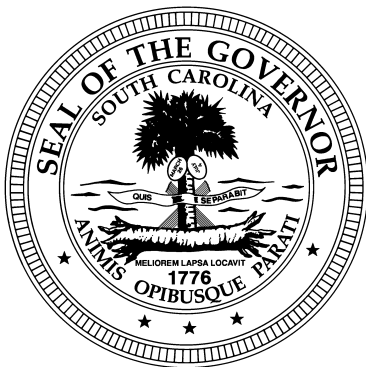
**WHEREAS,** healthcare-associated infections increase morbidity and mortality and add a significant financial burden to the cost of health care; and

**WHEREAS,** this year's theme, "International Infection Prevention Week: It's In Your Hands," calls attention to the hard work done by the thousands of infection and prevention control professionals who work to prevent healthcare-associated infections.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 14 - 20, 2007, as

### INFECTION PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work to raise awareness of the importance of reducing the risk of infections.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**